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SUBJECT: STATUS OF US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

1. IN CONNECTION WITH PRESENTATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROPOSALS, THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD BE USED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON THE STATUS OF THE US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

QTE. QUESTION: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH WAS INITIALED LAST JULY?

ANSWER: IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND THE PROPOSALS I HAVE MADE TODAY, WE WILL HAVE TO REVIEW THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO THE US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.
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WE INTEND TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT I THINK IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT SOME CHANGES IN THAT DOCUMENT MAY BE REQUIRED. UNQTE.

2. IF PRESSED ON THE NATURE OF THE CHANGES WHICH COULD BE EXPECTED, WE WOULD SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

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QTE THE AGREEMENT IS IN GENERAL COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY TO THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL

AND ADMINISTRATION CONCERN RELATING TO MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENTS, THAT IS ONE ASPECT OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH WE WOULD WANT TO REVIEW. UNQTE. CHRISTOPHER

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